

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 1305

Supporting the designation of National Tourette Syndrome Day.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2008

Mr. SIREs submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of National Tourette Syndrome  
Day.

Whereas Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder that is manifested in involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day, usually in bouts, nearly every day or intermittently throughout a period of more than 1 year;

Whereas Tourette Syndrome is usually accompanied by obsessive compulsive and attention deficit disorders, learning disabilities, and depression;

Whereas at least 200,000 people are known to have this disorder;

Whereas although research is ongoing, the cause of the disorder is unknown;

Whereas although some cases of Tourette Syndrome can be controlled by medication, there is no known cure for this disorder;

Whereas the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders, which is a collaboration among the Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey, Inc., Rutgers University, the Rutgers University Cell and DNA Repository, and health professionals throughout the State, provides an innovative multidisciplinary, multi-institutional approach to treatment for the thousands of New Jersey individuals with Tourette Syndrome;

Whereas the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome is the first and only program of its kind in the Nation and serves as a model for other centers;

Whereas in 2004, with support from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome was created as a “Center of Excellence”, offering a range of coordinated services, support, and professional assistance to those with Tourette Syndrome and their families, and putting New Jersey at the forefront of addressing the need for more effective treatment options;

Whereas in an effort to promote greater awareness about Tourette Syndrome, the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome has declared every Wednesday as Tourette Syndrome Day to encourage members of the public to help someone with Tourette Syndrome, which can include sharing information about Tourette Syndrome, introducing someone with Tourette Syndrome to the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome support community, or attending one of the Center’s Wednesday web-based seminars;

Whereas it is fitting and proper to recognize those with Tourette Syndrome and those who work to increase awareness of the disease, including the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome, on a national level; and

Whereas April 25, 2008, would be appropriate to designate as National Tourette Syndrome Day: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the designation of National  
3       Tourette Syndrome Day; and

4               (2) recognizes the accomplishments of those  
5       who work to increase awareness of Tourette Syn-  
6       drome, including the New Jersey Center for  
7       Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders.

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